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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my landline phone for a small number of local calls. Under this plan I would pay more for my local calling since I don't make long distance calls. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. Just as the gasoline tax taxes those who drive the most miles, thus buying the most gasoline, this tax should tax those the most who use telephone service the most.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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